

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a first embodiment, a video poker machine provides face up images of cards of a five card poker hand in response to a deposit therein of a draw poker wager. The player is permitted to make what is known as a draw whereby selected cards of the first poker hand are exchanged for newly dealt cards, thereby forming a second poker hand. The player wins the draw poker wager in accordance with a draw poker pay table and the rank of the second hand. Prior to making the draw, the player has an option of making a second chance wager that the player wins when the second poker hand has a higher rank than the first poker hand. In a second embodiment, the video poker machine provides face up images of cards of a first five card poker hand dealt from cards of a first deck in response to a deposit therein of an initial wager. The player is permitted to make a draw whereby selected cards of the first poker hand are exchanged for newly dealt cards of the first deck, thereby forming a first final poker hand. The player receives a first credit in accordance with a draw poker pay table with a wager equal to the initial wager. The machine then provides face up images of cards of a second five card poker hand dealt from cards of a second deck. The player is permitted to make a draw whereby selected cards of the second poker hand are exchanged for newly dealt cards of the second deck, thereby forming a second final poker hand. The player receives a second credit in accordance with the draw poker

pay table with a wager equal to the first credit. The machine then provides face up images of cards of a third five card poker hand dealt from cards of a third deck. The player is permitted to make a draw whereby selected cards of the third poker hand are exchanged for newly dealt cards of the third deck, thereby forming a third final poker hand. The player receives a cash payout in accordance with the draw poker pay table with a wager equal to the second credit. The player loses when one of the final poker hands does not correspond to a minimum payout on the draw poker pay table.